General Assembly

**Raised Bill No. 397**

*February Session, 2010*

LCO No. **1998**

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

*AN ACT CONCERNING PUPPY MILLS AND THE ORIGIN OF OTHER POTENTIALLY SICK DOGS IMPORTED INTO THIS STATE.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2011, and
2      in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
3      statutes, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall submit a report to the
4      joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
5      of matters relating to the environment on the adequacy of section 22-
6      354 of the general statutes in limiting the importation of sick puppies
7      into this state. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1)
8      An assessment of the efficacy of certificates of origin, as described in
9      subsection (b) of section 22-354 of the general statutes, in: (A) Limiting
10     the number of dogs imported into this state from puppy mills, and (B)
11     informing the purchaser of a dog from a pet shop licensee of the
12     possibility that a puppy mill bred such dog, (2) any information the
13     commissioner deems relevant concerning sources, other than puppy
14     mills, of sick dogs imported into this state, and (3) any
15     recommendations to expand the enforcement authority available to the
16     commissioner or any other department or agency of this state to

17     minimize the importation of sick dogs into this state.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | *from passage* | New section |

### Statement of Purpose:

To require an assessment of the adequacy of certain provisions of the general statutes to effectively limit the importation of sick dogs into this state.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*